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NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 - 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

Re: Wireless Consumers Alliance, Inc.

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

File No. WT 99-263

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted electronically herewith for filing is a memorandum describing the *ex parte* meeting on June 16, 2000, between representatives of the Wireless Consumers Alliance, Inc. and Commissioner Ness' staff.

Very truly yours,

s/ Kenneth E. Hardman

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Enclosure

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EX PARTE MEMORANDUM

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To: Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

From: Kenneth E. Hardman

Date: June 19, 2000

Re: Petition of the Wireless Consumers Alliance, Inc.

File No. WT 99-263

Carl Hilliard, Patrick Daniels, Ronald Hoffman and Kenneth Hardman, representing the Wireless Consumers Alliance, Inc., met on June 16, 2000, with Mark D. Schneider, Legal Assistant to Commissioner Ness to discuss the status of the petition for declaratory ruling. The Alliance representatives and expressed the view that the recent decision in *Ball v. GTE Mobilnet of California*, 00 C.D.O.S. 4523, issued June 8, 2000 (California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District), appropriately distinguished between claims preempted by Section 332 of the Communications Act and claims that are not preempted and may be validly raised in state consumer protection litigation. The representatives further urged the Commission to establish a bright line ruling on the petition so as to provide as much guidance to the courts as possible. The discussion also addressed the Commission's processes and whether the type of declaratory ruling sought by the Alliance is an appropriate exercise of the Commission's discretion under the Communications Act.